

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 17, 2004**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC. FOR  
ARBITRATION WITH BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION,  
INC. OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A PETITION TO RESOLVE  
DISPUTE PURSUANT TO TERMS OF THE PARTIES  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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) **DOCKET NO.**  
) **04-00089**  
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer upon the joint request of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to postpone the deadline for filing the joint Issues Matrix from May 14, 2004 until May 21, 2004. By letter filed on May 14, 2004, the Parties disclosed that, with the exception of A-5, all issues in this Docket have been resolved. The Parties have also indicated that this remaining issue may be resolved in the near future through informal negotiations. For the reasons specified,

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Parties have effectively complied with the requirement to file a joint Issues Matrix by May 14, 2004;
2. The Parties shall file no later than May 28, 2004 an update regarding continued settlement negotiations and/or a withdrawal of the petition for arbitration.



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Kim Beals, Counsel  
as Pre-Arbitration Officer